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## ABSTRACT

In this report, a method for multiplying two elements from the Galois field  $GF(2^{ms})$  is presented. This method provides a tradeoff between speed and complexity.

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## 1. Multiplication over Subfields

In this note, we present a method for multiplying two elements from a Galois field over a subfield. Consider the Galois field  $GF(2^{ms})$ . This field contains the field  $GF(2^s)$  as a subfield and may be regarded as an extension field of  $GF(2^s)$ . Let  $\alpha$  be a primitive element in  $GF(2^{ms})$ . Then the set,  $\{1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{m-1}\}$ , forms a basis for  $GF(2^{ms})$  over the subfield  $GF(2^s)$ . Any element  $z$  in  $GF(2^{ms})$  can be expressed as a linear sum of  $\alpha^0 = 1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{m-1}$  over  $GF(2^s)$  as follows:

$$z = z_0 \alpha^0 + z_1 \alpha + z_2 \alpha^2 + \dots + z_{m-1} \alpha^{m-1} \quad (1)$$

where  $z_i \in GF(2^s)$  for  $0 \leq i < m$ . There is a one-to-one correspondence between  $z$  and the  $m$ -tuple  $(z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{m-1})$  over  $GF(2^s)$  with respect to the basis  $\{1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{m-1}\}$ . The basis,  $\{1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{m-1}\}$ , is called the *polynomial basis*.

The *trace* of an element  $z$  in  $GF(2^{ms})$  with respect to  $GF(2^s)$  is defined as

$$T_m(z) \triangleq z + z^{2^s} + z^{2^{2s}} + \dots + z^{2^{(m-1)s}} \quad (2)$$

which is an element in  $GF(2^s)$  [p. 111, 1]. The trace has the following properties:

1. For any  $a \in GF(2^s)$  and  $z \in GF(2^{ms})$ ,

$$T_m(az) = a T_m(z);$$

2. For any two elements  $y$  and  $z$  in  $GF(2^{ms})$ ,

$$T_m(y+z) = T_m(y) + T_m(z).$$

With respect to the polynomial basis  $\{1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{m-1}\}$ , there exists another basis  $\{\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{m-1}\}$  for  $GF(2^{ms})$  over  $GF(2^s)$  such that

$$T_m(\alpha^i \beta_j) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } i \neq j \\ 1, & \text{for } i = j \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

with  $0 \leq i, j < m$ . The basis  $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{m-1})$  is called the dual (or complementary) basis to  $(1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{m-1})$  over  $GF(2^S)$ . Any element  $z$  in  $GF(2^{ms})$  can be expressed in either of the following two forms:

1. polynomial form

$$z = a_0 + a_1\alpha + a_2\alpha^2 + \dots + a_{m-1}\alpha^{m-1},$$

2. dual form

$$z = b_0\beta_0 + b_1\beta_1 + b_2\beta_2 + \dots + b_{m-1}\beta_{m-1},$$

where  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  are elements in  $GF(2^S)$  for  $0 \leq i < m$ . These two forms can be converted to each other as follows:

$$1. a_i = T_m(z\beta_i), \text{ and}$$

$$2. b_i = T_m(z\alpha^i),$$

for  $0 \leq i < m$ .

Now we consider multiplying two elements from  $GF(2^{ms})$ . If one element is expressed in polynomial form and the other element is expressed in the dual form, then the multiplication can be achieved in a serial-parallel manner over the subfield  $GF(2^S)$ . This would give a trade-off between the complexity and speed in the implementation of a multiplier. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two arbitrary elements in  $GF(2^{ms})$ . Express  $x$  and  $y$  in terms of the polynomial basis  $(1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{m-1})$  and its dual basis  $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{m-1})$  respectively.

$$x = x_0 + x_1\alpha + x_2\alpha^2 + \dots + x_{m-1}\alpha^{m-1}, \quad (4)$$

$$y = y_0\beta_0 + y_1\beta_1 + y_2\beta_2 + \dots + y_{m-1}\beta_{m-1} \quad (5)$$

where  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  are in  $GF(2^S)$  for  $0 \leq i < m$ . Consider the product  $z = xy$  and express  $z$  in dual form,

$$\begin{aligned} z &= xy \\ &= z_0\beta_0 + z_1\beta_1 + \dots + z_{m-1}\beta_{m-1} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where

$$z_i = T_m(z\alpha^i) \quad (7)$$

for  $0 \leq i < m$ .

Next we show how the coefficients of  $z$  can be obtained from the coefficients of  $x$  and  $y$  in a serial manner. It follows from (5) to (7) that

$$\begin{aligned} z_i &= T_m(xy\alpha^i) \\ &= T_m \left( \sum_{\ell=0}^{m-1} y_\ell x \beta_\ell \alpha^i \right) \\ &= y_0 T_m(x\beta_0 \alpha^i) + y_1 T_m(x\beta_1 \alpha^i) + \dots + y_{m-1} T_m(x\beta_{m-1} \alpha^i) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Setting  $i=0$  in (8), we obtain

$$z_0 = y_0 T_m(x\beta_0) + y_1 T_m(x\beta_1) + \dots + y_{m-1} T_m(x\beta_{m-1}) \quad (9)$$

Since  $T_m(x\beta_i) = x_i$  for  $0 \leq i < m$ , it follows from (9) that

$$z_0 = x_0 y_0 + x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_{m-1} y_{m-1} \quad (10)$$

In order to obtain the other  $m-1$  coefficients of  $z$ , we define

$$y^{(i)} = y\alpha^i, \quad (11)$$

$$y^{(i+1)} = y^{(i)}\alpha. \quad (12)$$

Note that  $y^{(0)} = y$ . We express both  $y^{(i)}$  and  $y^{(i+1)}$  in dual forms:

$$y^{(i)} = y_0^{(i)}\beta_0 + y_1^{(i)}\beta_1 + \dots + y_{m-1}^{(i)}\beta_{m-1}, \quad (13)$$

$$y^{(i+1)} = y_0^{(i+1)}\beta_0 + y_1^{(i+1)}\beta_1 + \dots + y_{m-1}^{(i+1)}\beta_{m-1}. \quad (14)$$

where

$$y_j^{(i)} = T_m[y^{(i)}\alpha^j], \quad (15)$$

$$y_j^{(i+1)} = T_m[y^{(i+1)}\alpha^j] \quad (16)$$

It follows from (12) that, for  $0 \leq j < m$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} y_j^{(i+1)} &= T_m[y^{(i+1)}\alpha^j] \\ &= T_m[y^{(i)}\alpha^{j+1}] = y_{j+1}^{(i)} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Expression (17) gives a relationship between the coefficients of  $y^{(i+1)}$  and those of  $y^{(i)}$ . From (14) and (17), we obtain

$$y^{(i+1)} = y_1^{(i)} \beta_0 + y_2^{(i)} \beta_1 + \dots + y_{m-1}^{(i)} \beta_{m-2} + y_m^{(i)} \beta_{m-1} . \quad (18)$$

where

$$y_m^{(i)} = T_m \left( y^{(i)} \alpha^m \right) . \quad (19)$$

The coefficient  $y_m^{(i)}$  can be determined as follows

$$\begin{aligned} y_m^{(i)} &= T_m \left( y^{(i)} \alpha^m \right) = T_m \left[ \alpha^m \sum_{\ell=0}^{m-1} y_\ell^{(i)} \beta_\ell \right] \\ &= y_0^{(i)} T_m \left( \beta_0 \alpha^m \right) + y_1^{(i)} T_m \left( \beta_1 \alpha^m \right) + \dots + y_{m-1}^{(i)} T_m \left( \beta_{m-1} \alpha^m \right) . \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

From (18) and (20), we see that the coefficients of  $y^{(i+1)}$  are completely determined by the coefficients of  $y^{(i)}$ .

Now we return to the coefficients of  $z$ . It follows from (7) that, for  $0 \leq i < m-1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} z_{i+1} &= T_m \left( z \alpha^{i+1} \right) \\ &= T_m \left( xy \alpha^{i+1} \right) = T_m \left( xy^{(i)} \alpha \right) \\ &= T_m \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} x_j y^{(i)} \alpha^{j+1} \right] \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} x_j T_m \left( y^{(i)} \alpha^{j+1} \right) . \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Combining (15) and (21), we have

$$z_{i+1} = x_0 y_1^{(i)} + x_1 y_2^{(i)} + \dots + x_{m-2} y_{m-1}^{(i)} + x_{m-1} y_m^{(i)} . \quad (22)$$

Putting (10), (17) to (22) altogether, we see that the coefficients,  $z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{m-1}$  of the product  $z = xy$  in dual form can be generated from the coefficients of  $x$  and  $y$  in a serial manner with  $m$  steps,

$$\begin{aligned}
z_0 &= x_0 y_0^{(0)} + x_1 y_1^{(0)} + \dots + x_{m-2} y_{m-2}^{(0)} + x_{m-1} y_{m-1}^{(0)} \\
z_1 &= x_0 y_1^{(0)} + x_1 y_2^{(0)} + \dots + x_{m-2} y_{m-1}^{(0)} + x_{m-1} y_m^{(0)} \\
z_2 &= x_0 y_1^{(1)} + x_1 y_2^{(1)} + \dots + x_{m-2} y_{m-1}^{(1)} + x_{m-1} y_m^{(1)} \\
&\vdots \\
z_{m-1} &= x_0 y_1^{(m-2)} + x_1 y_2^{(m-2)} + \dots + x_{m-2} y_{m-1}^{(m-2)} + x_{m-1} y_m^{(m-2)}
\end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

where

$$(1) \ y_i^{(0)} = y_i \quad \text{for } 0 \leq i < m, \tag{24}$$

$$(2) \ y_j^{(i+1)} = y_{j+1}^{(i)} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq i < m-1 \text{ and } 1 \leq j < m, \tag{25}$$

$$(3) \ y_m^{(i)} = y_0^{(i)} T_m(\beta_0 \alpha^m) + y_1^{(i)} T_m(\beta_1 \alpha^m) + \dots + y_{m-1}^{(i)} T_m(\beta_{m-1} \alpha^m). \tag{26}$$

## 2. Serial-Parallel Multiplier

From the expressions of (23) to (26), we see that, if we multiply two elements  $x$  and  $y$  from  $GF(2^{ms})$  in mixed forms, the coefficients of the product  $z$  in dual form over  $GF(2^s)$  can be determined from the coefficients of  $x$  (in polynomial form) and  $y$  (in dual form) in a serial manner with  $m$  steps. At the  $i$ -th step, the coefficient

$$z_i = x_0 y_1^{(i-1)} + x_1 y_2^{(i-1)} + \dots + x_{m-1} y_m^{(i-1)}$$

is formed. To form  $z_i$ ,  $m$  multiplications over  $GF(2^s)$  are required. These  $m$  multiplications can be carried out in a parallel (or direct) manner using either  $m$   $GF(2^s)$  array multipliers or  $m$  look-up tables. The coefficients  $y_1^{(i-1)}$ ,  $y_2^{(i-1)}$ , ...,  $y_{m-1}^{(i-1)}$  must be formed separately. From (26), we have

$$y_m^{(i-1)} = y_0^{(i-1)} T_m(\beta_0 \alpha^m) + y_1^{(i-1)} T_m(\beta_1 \alpha^m) + \dots + y_{m-1}^{(i-1)} T_m(\beta_{m-1} \alpha^m) \tag{27}$$

To form  $y_m^{(i-1)}$ ,  $m$  multiplications over  $GF(2^s)$  are needed. Each of these multiplications involves a fixed element,  $T_m(\beta_i \alpha^m)$ , from  $GF(2^s)$ . As a result, the implementation is simpler. A general serial-parallel multiplier which

realizes the multiplication algorithm presented in a previous section is shown in Figure 1. It consists of two parts, the top part forms the coefficients,  $z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{m-1}$  of the product  $z$ , which is called the  $z_i$ -circuit. The lower part of Figure 1 forms the coefficients,  $y_m^{(0)}, y_m^{(1)}, \dots, y_m^{(m-1)}$ , which is called the  $y_m^{(i)}$ -circuit. The multiplication is completed in  $m$  steps (or in  $m$  clock times). The  $z_i$ -circuit requires  $m$   $GF(2^s)$ -multipliers, each multiplying two arbitrary elements from  $GF(2^s)$ . The  $y_m^{(i)}$ -circuit requires  $m$   $GF(2^s)$ -multipliers, each multiplying a fixed element and an arbitrary element from  $GF(2^s)$ . The overall multiplier also needs two  $ms$ -input  $s$ -output adders.

Suppose we implement the serial-parallel multiplier of Figure 1 by using  $GF(2^s)$  array multipliers. Each  $GF(2^s)$  array multiplier with two arbitrary inputs requires  $s^2$  AND gates to form the partial products,  $(s-1)^2$  two-input X-OR gates to add the partial products and then approximately  $(s-1)(\ell-1)$  two-input X-OR gates to reduce the sum to a  $s$ -bit symbol in  $GF(2^s)$ . A  $GF(2^4)$  array multiplier with generating polynomial  $X^4+X+1$  is shown in Figure 2. A  $GF(2^s)$  array multiplier with one fixed input requires no AND gates and less than  $(s-1)^2 + (s-1)(\ell-1)$  two-input X-OR gates. Now consider the implementation of the serial-parallel multiplier using look-up tables (ROMs). For multiplying two arbitrary elements from  $GF(2^s)$ , a single look-up table requires a ROM of  $2s$  inputs,  $s$  outputs and  $2^{2s}$   $s$ -bit words. For multiplying an arbitrary element with a fixed element, the look-up table requires a ROM of  $s$  inputs,  $s$  outputs and  $2^s$   $s$ -bit words.

The multiplication of two elements from  $GF(2^{ms})$  can be achieved by using a single Berlekamp's bit-serial multiplier [2]. This implementation is extremely simple, however it takes  $ms$  clock times to complete the multiplication, which is  $s$  times longer than the serial-parallel multiplier over  $GF(2^s)$  of Figure 1. If speed is critical, we may multiply two elements from  $GF(2^{ms})$  directly by using a



single  $GF(2^{ms})$  array multiplier or a single look-up table. A single  $GF(2^{ms})$  array multiplier would require  $(ms)^2$  AND gates and approximately  $(ms-1)^2 + (ms-1)(L-1)$  two-input X-OR gates where  $L$  is the number of terms in the generating polynomial for  $GF(2^{ms})$ . For the serial-parallel multiplier using  $GF(2^s)$  array multipliers, a total of  $m \cdot s^2$  AND gates and no more than  $2m[(s-1)^2 + (s-1)(l-1)]$  two-input X-OR gates are needed. For large  $m$  ( $m \geq 3$ ), a single  $GF(2^{ms})$  array multiplier requires much more AND and X-OR gates than the serial-parallel multiplier over  $GF(2^s)$ .

A single look-up table for direct multiplication of two arbitrary elements from  $GF(2^{ms})$  requires a ROM of  $2ms$  inputs,  $ms$  outputs and  $2^{2ms}$   $ms$ -bit words. However, for the serial-parallel multiplier of Figure 1, it requires a total memory of  $m(2^{2s} + 2^s)$   $s$ -bit words which is much smaller than  $2^{2ms}$  for  $m \geq 2$ .

In summary, the serial-parallel multiplication over a subfield presented in this note provides a trade-off between speed and complexity.

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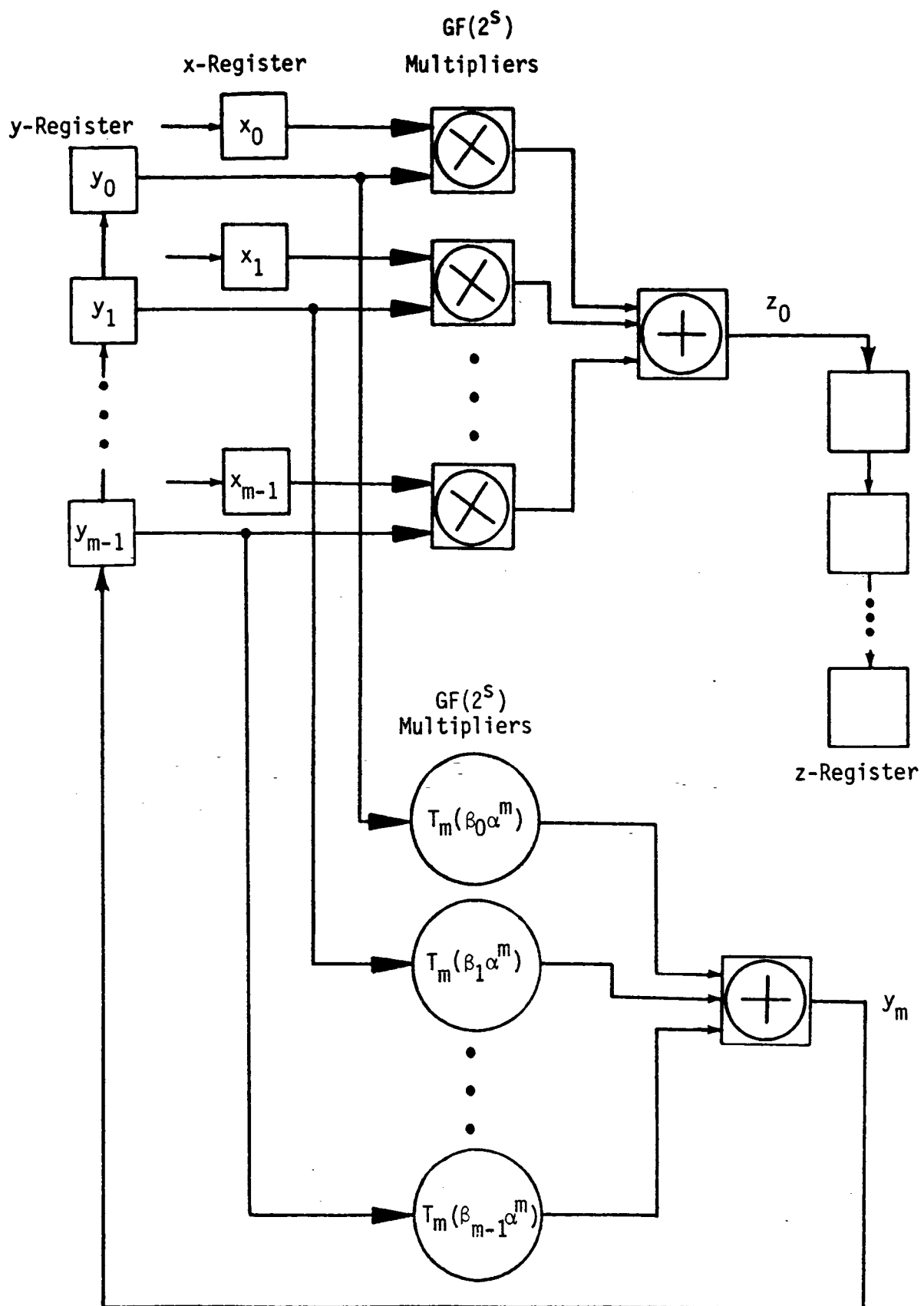


Figure 1 A  $GF(2^{ms})$  serial-parallel multiplier over  $GF(2^s)$

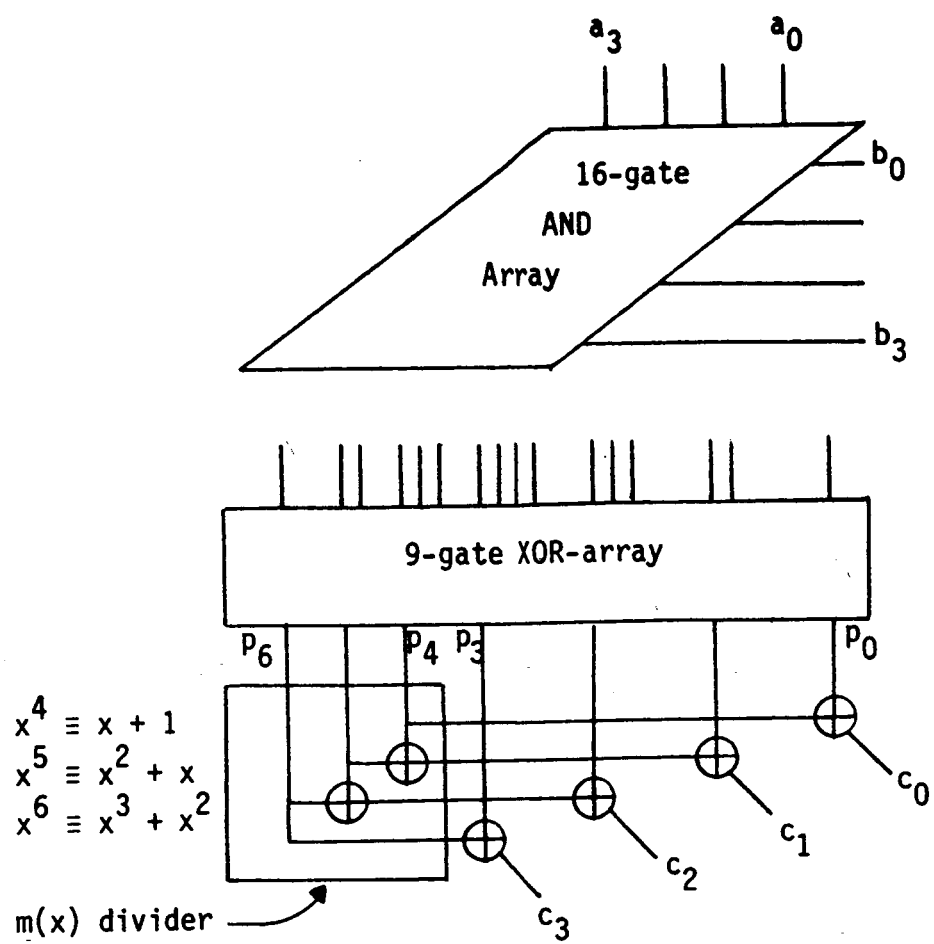


Figure 2 A  $GF(2^4)$  multiplier